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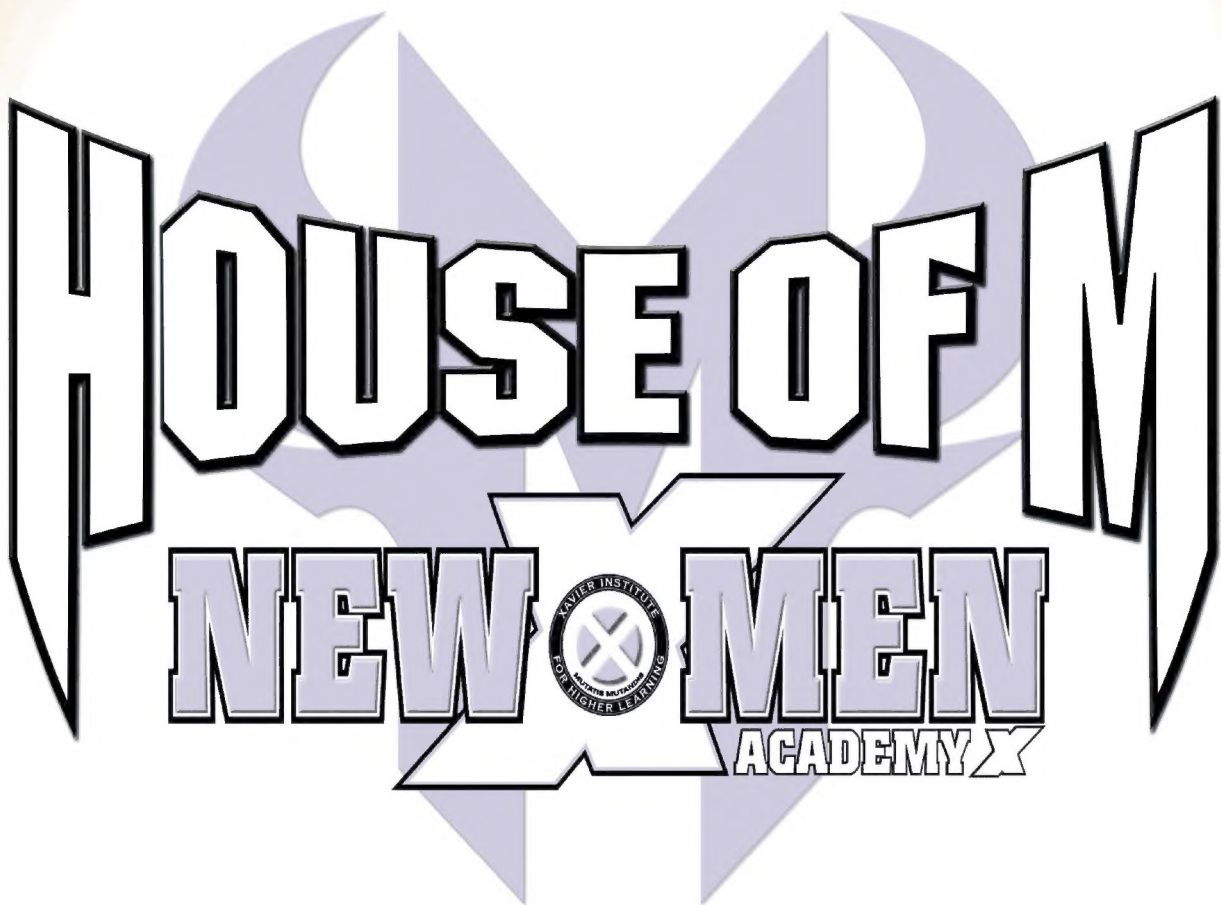


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The world has been remade. In the new world, ERIK MAGNUS, the man known as MAGNETO, won his war in defense of mutantkind. He has made a better life for all mutants, or Homo Superior, and the world is under his control. Homo Superior live ideal lives and outnumber their genetic predecessors, Homo Sapiens. The remaining Homo Sapiens must live in a world now dominated by mutants.

Welcome to the HOUSE OF M.



When the year-end ceremony at the New Mutant Leadership Institute—a training ground for the mutant leaders of tomorrow—is attacked by human terrorists, a new squad of S.H.I.E.L.D. trainees—nicknamed the HELLIONS—arrives to save the day. These two groups of teenagers do not get along. However, DAVID ALLEYNE and NORIKO ASHIDA have a secret relationship even though they belong to the two separate schools.

When the Hellions are given the assignment of tracking down the human terrorists to a hidden base in Tokyo, Noriko is cut from the squad. She turns to David for help as she learns the reason she was cut—the resistance movement is led by her baseline human father. David gathers some of his friends, who plan to sneak Noriko's father out before the Hellions' raid. But one of his friends, LAURIE GARRISON, reports this to her father, the world-famous therapist SEAN GARRISON, who works on the faculty at the New Mutant Leadership Institute. Both Garrisons are, in fact, undercover spies for S.H.I.E.L.D., and when another student catches on to Laurie's secret, she uses her pheromone powers to force him to kill himself!

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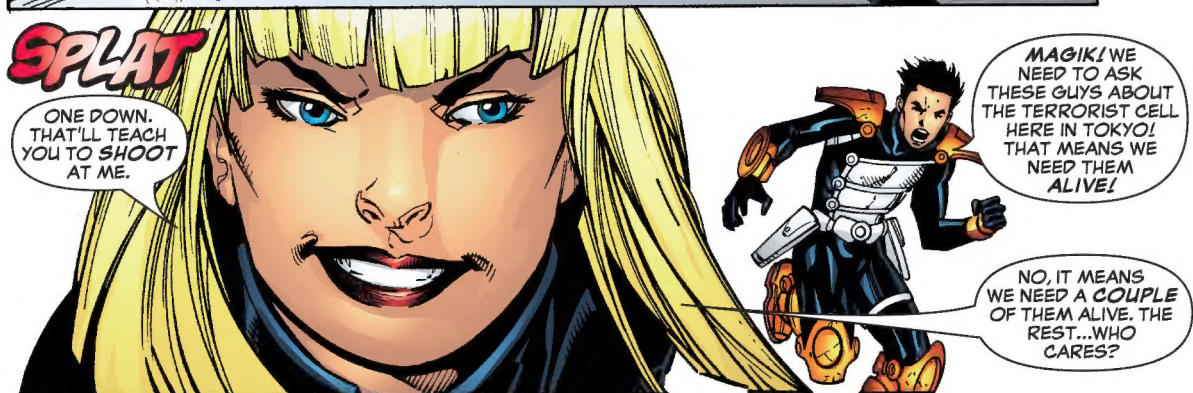
# HOUSE DIVIDED

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THIS OUGHTA  
BE FUN.

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MAN, WE WERE **SO** READY FOR THIS MISSION. THESE SAPIENS AREN'T EVEN MAKING US BREAK A SWEAT!



MAX, THERE'S AT LEAST **TWENTY** OF THEM STILL LEFT. DON'T CELEBRATE 'TIL IT'S OVER!



OH, JULIAN, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY...

**WHOOOSH!**



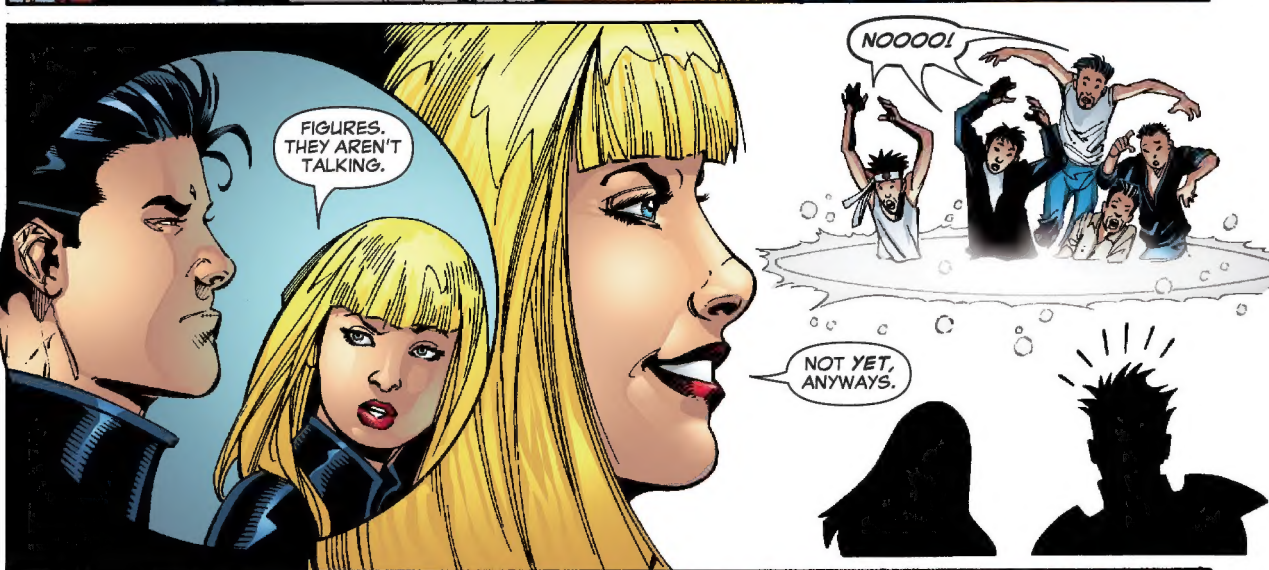
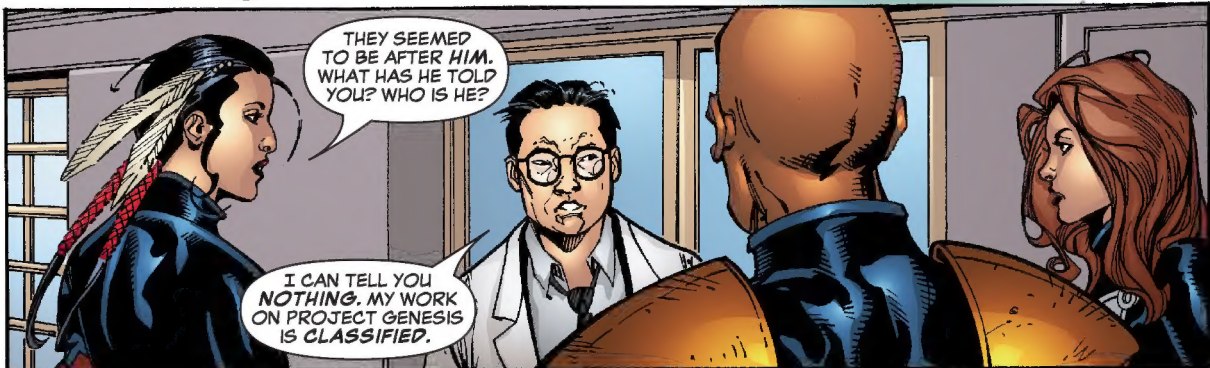
...IT IS OVER.



WELL DONE, WIND DANCER.

ALL OF YOU, GOOD JOB. NOW LET'S GET SOME ANSWERS ABOUT THIS TERRORIST CELL.







⊗ S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER,  
OVER NEW YORK CITY

"...THERE HAS GOT TO  
BE A BETTER WAY TO  
GET INFORMATION."

AAAAGGH!

ALLOW ME  
TO EXPLAIN OUR  
SITUATION.

AGENT FORD HERE,  
THE GENTLEMAN IN THE  
CONTAINMENT SUIT, HAS  
A SPECIAL GIFT. ANYTHING  
HE TOUCHES WITHERS  
AND DIES.

I'M AGENT FOLEY.  
MY MUTANT GIFT SPEEDS  
UP THE BODY'S BIOLOGICAL  
FUNCTIONS. IN SHORT, I'M A  
HEALER. I KEEP YOU FROM  
DYING WHEN AGENT FORD  
TOUCHES YOU.

THE NET EFFECT  
IS NEGLIGIBLE. THEY  
CANCEL EACH OTHER  
OUT. BUT NOT BEFORE  
AGENT FORD CAUSES  
A PART OF YOU TO DIE  
AND I FORCE IT  
BACK TO LIFE.

I UNDER  
STAND-  
IT'S QUITE  
PAINFUL.

SINCE YOU HAVE  
TELEPATHIC RESISTANCE AND  
REFUSE TO TELL US WHERE YOUR  
TERRORIST CELL IS LOCATED IN  
TOKYO, WE HAVE TO OPT FOR  
MORE...PERSUASIVE  
METHODS.

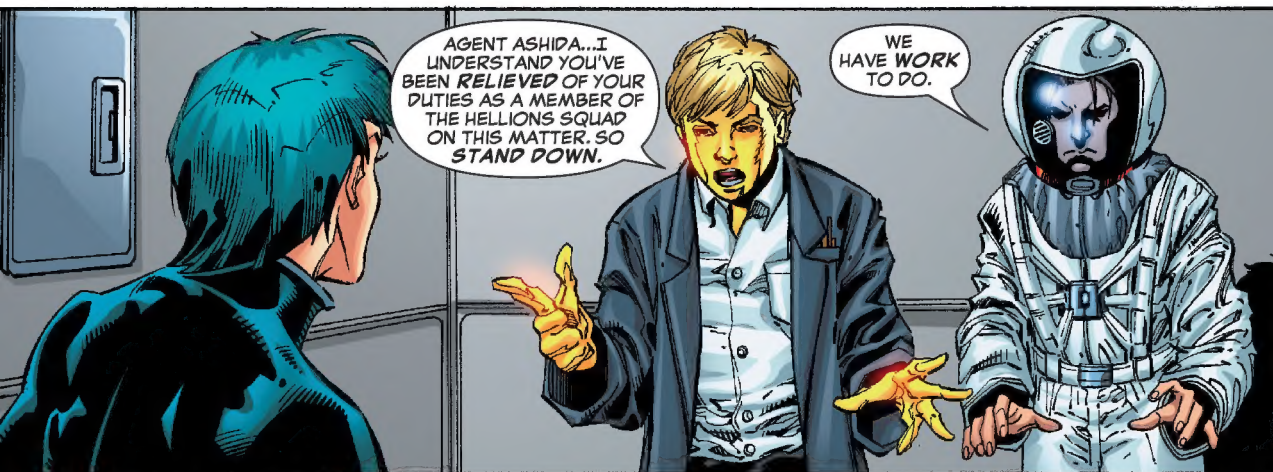
BUT YOU  
COULD SPARE  
YOURSELF ALL  
OF THIS.

NOTHING TO  
SAY? GOOD. I WAS  
HOPING FOR THAT.  
MY POWER'S  
HUNGRY.

AND YOU'RE  
LUNCH.

AAAAAAAH!









MY POWER  
ISN'T LIMITED TO  
HEALING!

I'VE JUST MADE  
THE BLOOD RUSH TO YOUR  
LUNGS. YOUR VESSELS ARE  
RUPTURING, AND BLOOD IS  
FILLING YOUR LUNGS!

MAKES IT HARD  
TO BREATHE, DOESN'T  
IT? YOU'LL BE DEAD  
SOON.



BUT YOU WON'T  
LIVE LONG ENOUGH  
FOR HIM TO KILL  
YOU.



NO. I'LL LIVE  
LONGER.



YOU THINK  
YOU GUYS CAN  
TAKE ME?

I'M  
S.H.I.E.L.D. TRAINED.  
FOR COMBAT, NOT  
INTERROGATION.



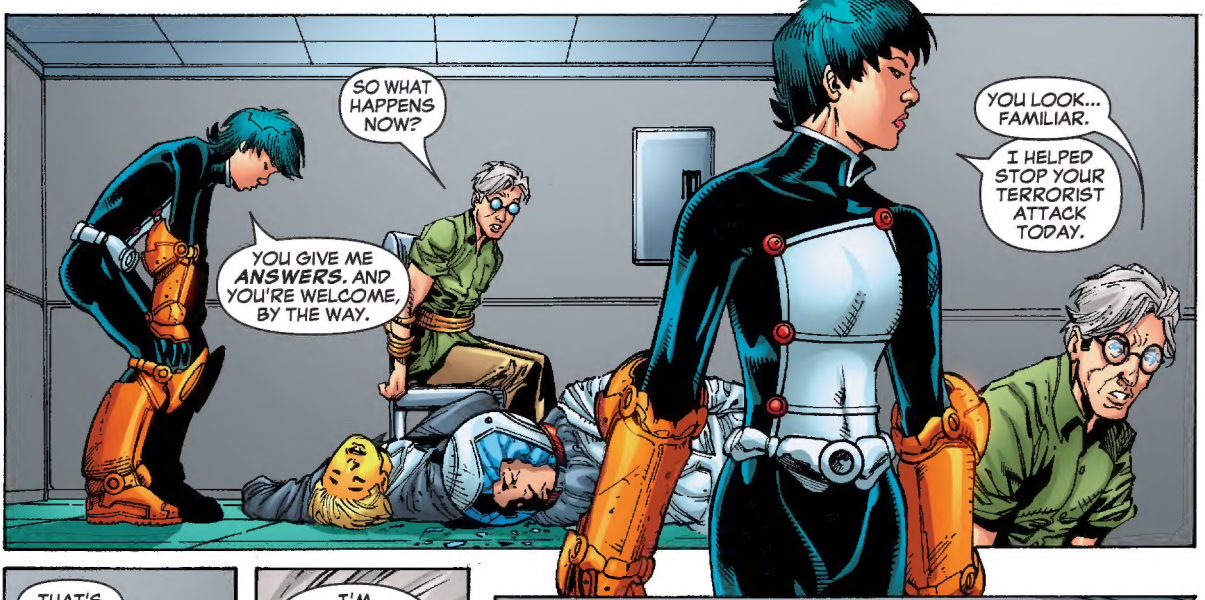
YOU'RE LOW ON  
POWER. I CAN  
FEEL IT EBB IN  
YOU.

AND YOUR LUNGS ARE STILL  
FILLING WITH  
BLOOD.



DON'T NEED  
MY POWER TO  
HANDLE YOU!



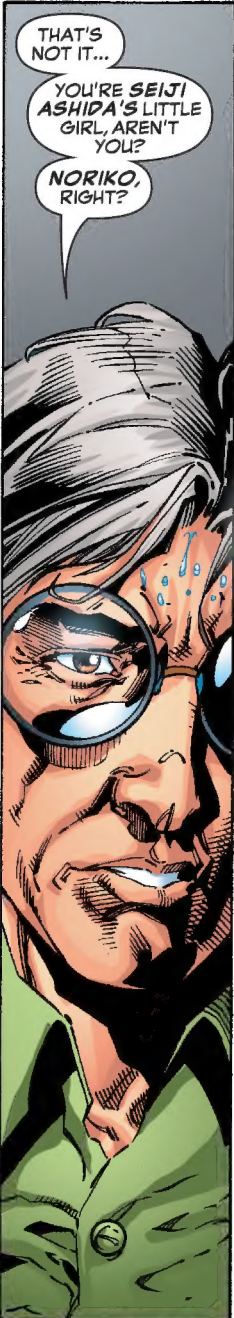


SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

YOU GIVE ME ANSWERS. AND YOU'RE WELCOME, BY THE WAY.

YOU LOOK... FAMILIAR.

I HELPED STOP YOUR TERRORIST ATTACK TODAY.



THAT'S NOT IT...

YOU'RE SEIJI ASHIDA'S LITTLE GIRL, AREN'T YOU?

NORIKO, RIGHT?



I'M CAMERON HODGE, AND ONE DAY I WILL SEE YOUR KIND DESTROYED.



MY KIND...? BUT NOT ME?

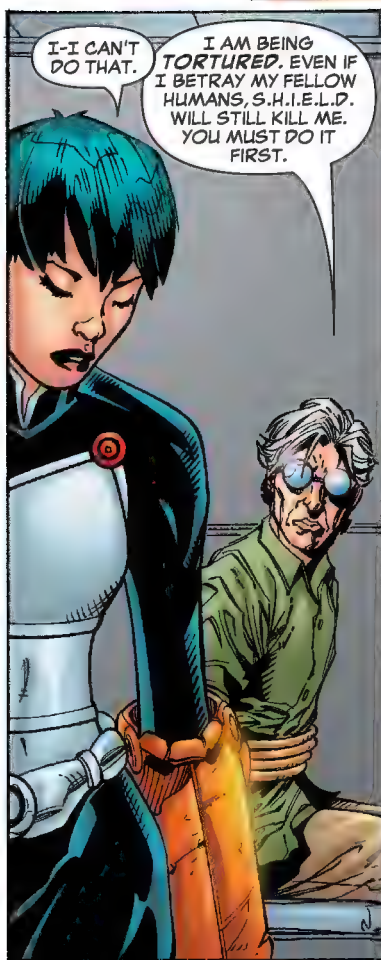
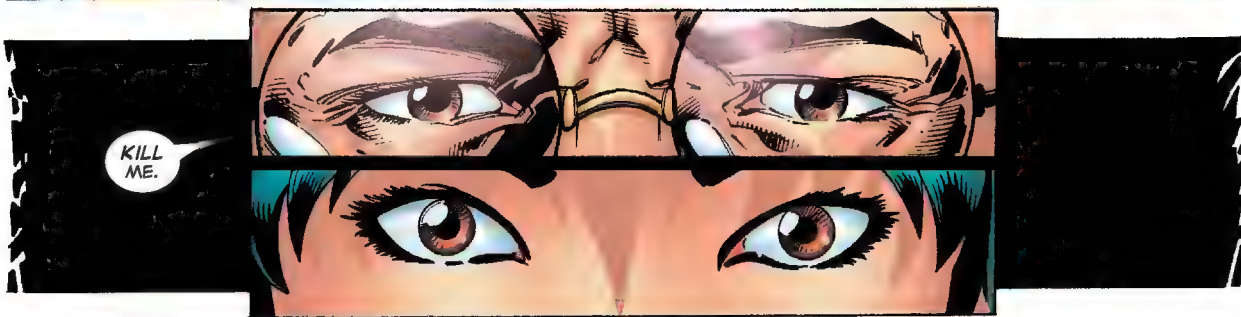
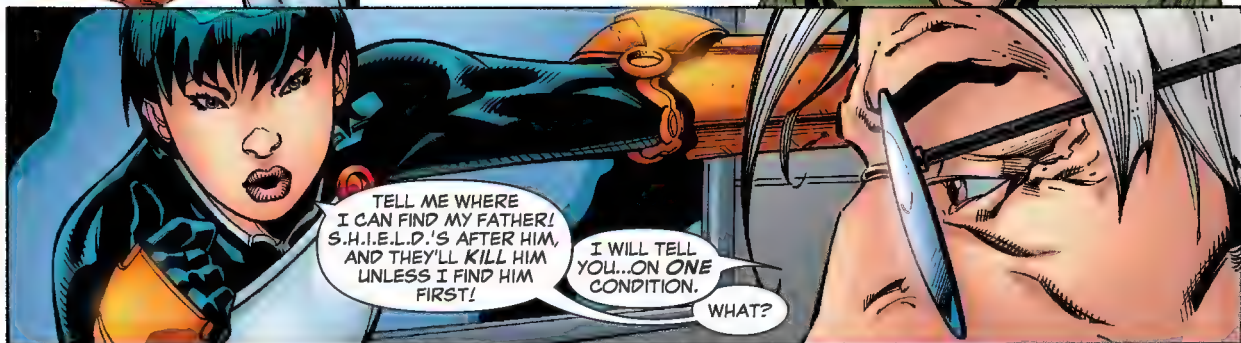
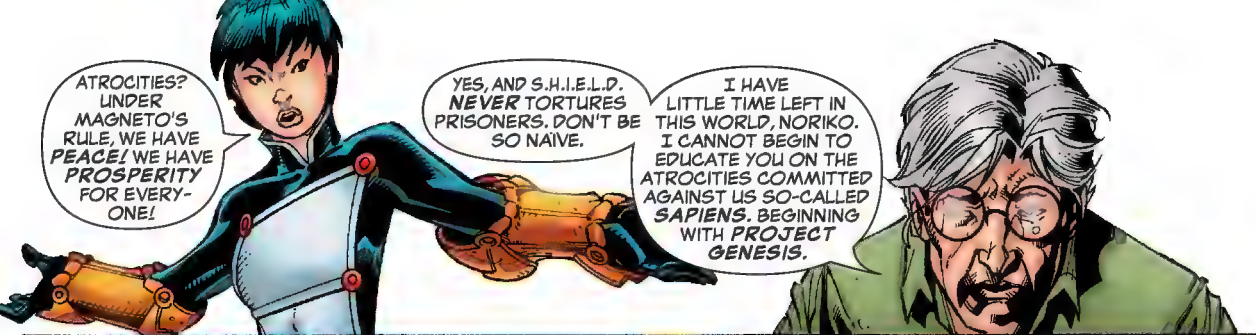
NO. YOU HAVE SAVED MY LIFE.



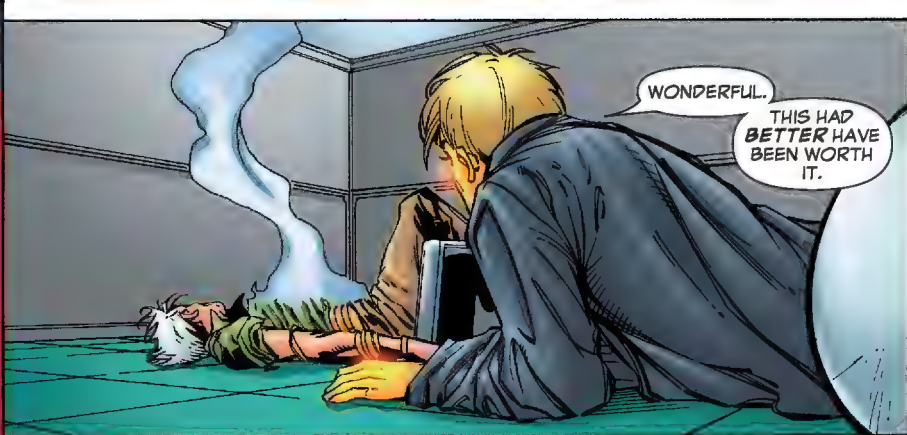
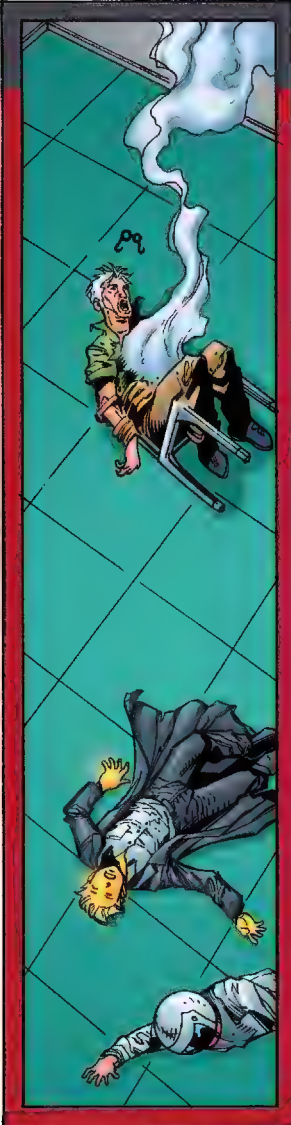
BESIDES, SEIJI WANTS YOU SAVED. RETURNED TO HIS HOME.

WHAT CAN I SAY? HE'S SENTIMENTAL. EVEN IN THE FACE OF THE ATROCITIES YOUR KIND HAS VISITED UPON HUMANITY.













ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO. READY TO GET SOME ANSWERS?

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT.

THEN LET'S GO. MAGIK, YOU DO THE TALKING.



<PLEASE, I SWEAR, WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING! JUST GET US OUT OF HERE!>

<YOU SUPPLIED THE BOMBS THE TERRORISTS USED IN NEW YORK. YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE.>

<THEY FOUND US! WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE.>



LOOKS LIKE THEY NEED MORE PERSUADING.

<SORRY, BOYS! GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO LEAVE YOU HERE.>

<NO, WAIT...THEIR NEXT TARGET. IT'S SOMETHING CALLED PROJECT GENESIS. THAT'S WHY WE WERE GRABBING THAT SCIENTIST.>



<WHAT'S PROJECT GENESIS?>

<WE DON'T KNOW...WE'RE JUST GUNS-FOR-HIRE.>

<BUT PROJECT GENESIS IS A BIG TARGET. IT'S EMPEROR SUNFIRE'S PERSONAL PROJECT.>



⊗ NEW MUTANT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

COULDN'T WE HAVE DONE THIS AT THE HELI-CARRIER?

YOU ATTACKED YOUR FELLOW AGENTS AND KILLED A GUY, NORI. THEY'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING FOR YOU.

WE NEED TO GET THIS INFORMATION. AND GET IT QUICK.

AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT HIM BEING HERE?

MR. RAMSEY IS AN EXPERT IN ALL LANGUAGES, INCLUDING COMPUTER LANGUAGES. I NEED TO BE NEAR HIM SO I CAN TELEPATHICALLY TAP INTO THAT AND CRACK THESE FILES.

JUST KEEP AN EYE ON HIM AND LET ME KNOW IF HE STARTS WATCHING US.

THIS IS *SERIOUS*. EVEN S.H.I.E.L.D.'S MAIN OFFICES DON'T KNOW ABOUT PROJECT GENESIS. BUT I'VE USED THEIR SYSTEMS TO CONNECT DIRECTLY TO S.H.I.E.L.D. JAPAN.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS?

OH, NO... THIS IS BAD.



⊗ NEARBY...

NO, YOU  
DID THE RIGHT  
THING.

DESPERATE  
TIMES CALL FOR  
DESPERATE  
MEASURES.

SO, YOU'LL  
HANDLE IT?

OF COURSE,  
MY DEAR. YOU  
JUST STICK  
WITH YOUR  
ASSIGNMENT.

**NOK  
NOK**

EXCUSE ME,  
DR. GARRISON,  
BUT HAVE YOU  
SEEN--

HEY, LAURIE.  
I WAS JUST  
LOOKING FOR  
YOU.

HEY,  
DAVID.  
WHAT'S  
UP?

I WAS HOPING  
I COULD TALK TO  
YOU. SOMETHING'S  
COME UP AND...

GO, LAURIE.  
WE CAN TALK  
LATER.

DAVID,  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?

WE NEED TO  
TALK, BUT NOT  
HERE. WHERE'S  
CESSILY?





ALL I KNOW IS THAT PROJECT GENESIS WASN'T IN THE MAIN S.H.I.E.L.D. COMPUTERS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN S.H.I.E.L.D. DOESN'T KNOW.

IT COULD'VE BEEN SHUNTED TO THOSE SYSTEMS TO KEEP IT A SECRET OR GIVE THEM PLAUSIBLE DENIABILITY.

S.H.I.E.L.D. WOULDN'T BE PART OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS.



KAF KAF

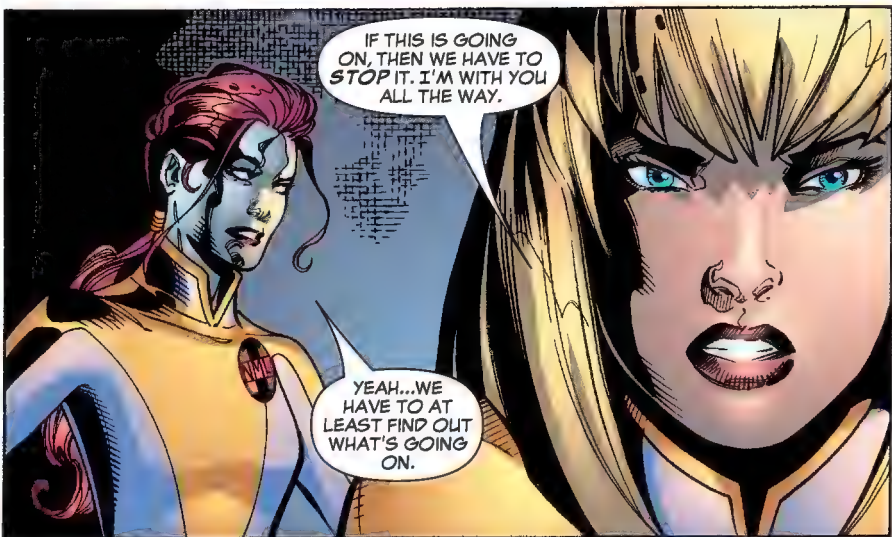
S.H.I.E.L.D.'S INVOLVED IN A LOT OF THINGS I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D DO. THIS IS FOR REAL.

NORI...ARE YOU OKAY? MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE YOU TO A DOCTOR.



S.H.I.E.L.D.'S AFTER ME, DAVID. IF I GO TO A DOCTOR, THEY'LL FIND ME.

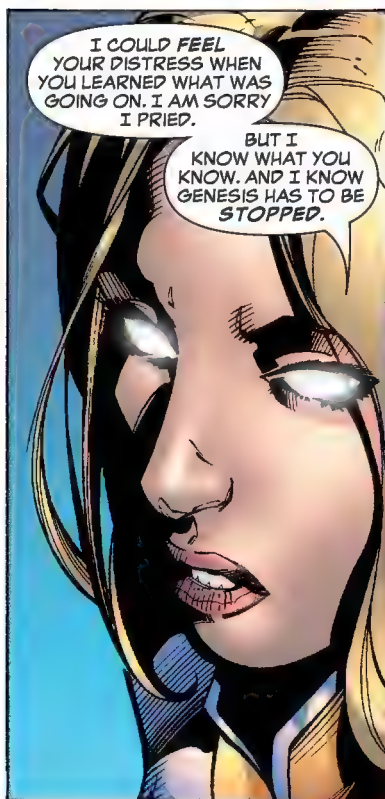
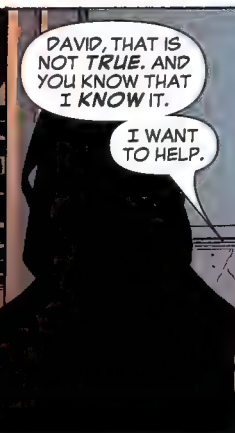
BESIDES, MY METABOLISM IS FASTER THAN YOURS. KAF KAF I'LL HEAL.



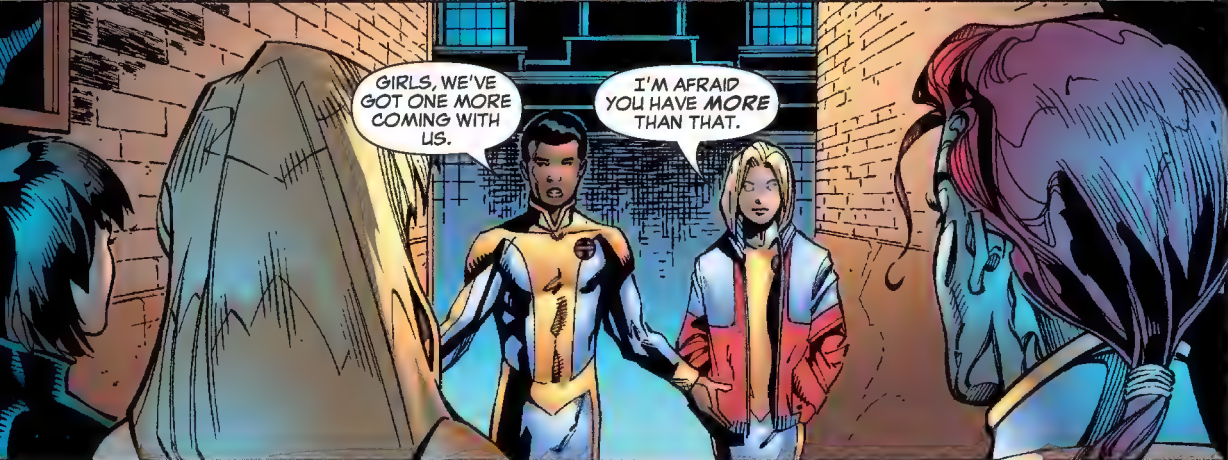
IF THIS IS GOING ON, THEN WE HAVE TO STOP IT. I'M WITH YOU ALL THE WAY.

YEAH...WE HAVE TO AT LEAST FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON.









GIRLS, WE'VE GOT ONE MORE COMING WITH US.

I'M AFRAID YOU HAVE **MORE** THAN THAT.



OH NO.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I'M SUDDENLY PICKING UP THE ABILITY TO SPEAK **CHINESE**...



COME ON OUT. WE KNOW YOU'RE THERE.

JAPAN? WE'RE **SO** IN. RIGHT, SOORAYA?

TOTALLY, JUBES. THEY HAVE THE BEST BOOTLEGS.

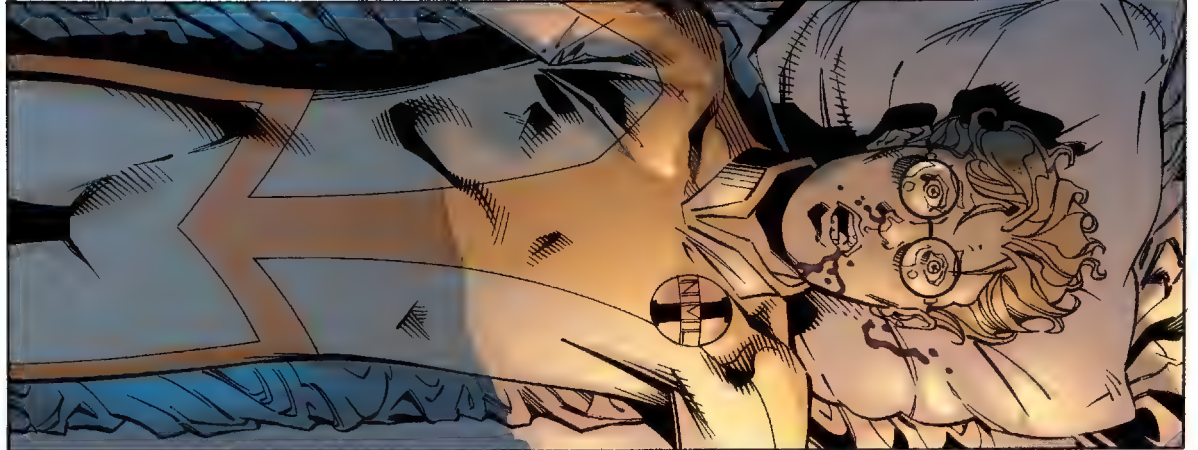
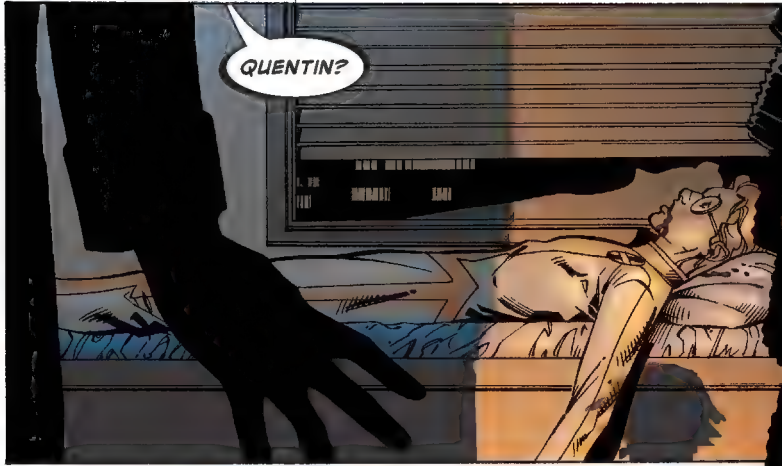
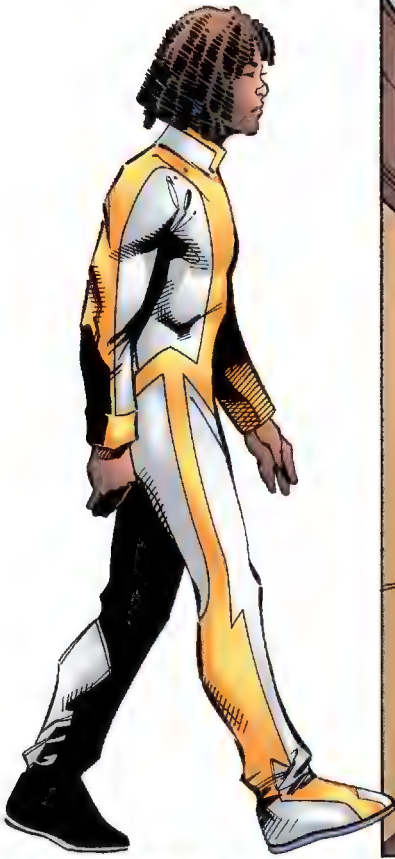


WE ARE **NOT** BRINGING THE SHALLOW TWINS.

IF JUBILEE AND SOORAYA KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP TO, WE'RE BETTER OFF TAKING THEM WITH US THAN LEAVING THEM BEHIND.

YES! ROAD TRIP!







⊗ LATER...

I KNOW THIS IS HARD, BRIAN.

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO HANG OUT TONIGHT, SHAN. AND HE DIDN'T SHOW.

WE'VE HAD OUR MEDICS SCAN HIS BODY. HIS BRAIN SHUT ITSELF DOWN. KILLED ITSELF.

NO ONE DOES, BRIAN. EVEN I CAN'T DO THAT TO QUENTIN'S MIND. HE WAS TOO POWERFUL.

WHO HAS THE POWER TO DO THAT TO HIM?

WE...WE THINK HE DID IT TO HIMSELF.

QUENTIN DIDN'T KILL HIMSELF! HE WOULDN'T DO THAT!

QUENTIN WAS VERY DRIVEN, BRIAN. SOMETIMES KIDS PUSH THEMSELVES TOO HARD.

BUT...YOU'RE RIGHT. WHILE QUENTIN WAS HIGH-STRUNG, I NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT HE WAS THE TYPE TO DO THIS.

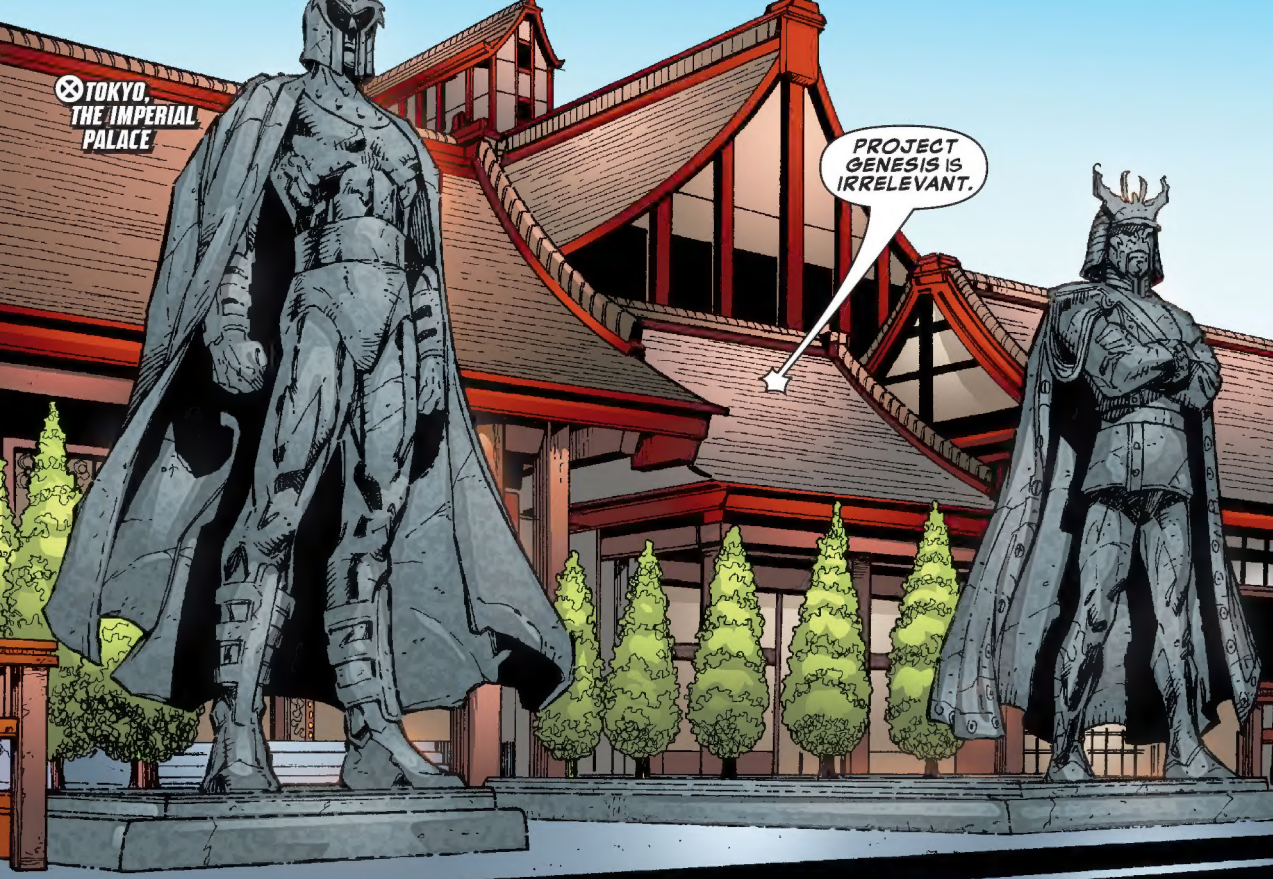
UNFORTUNATELY, HE WAS.

QUENTIN HAD BEEN SEEING ME ALL YEAR. THE WORD "SUICIDE" CAME UP SEVERAL TIMES. I THOUGHT WE WERE MAKING PROGRESS, BUT...

...I CONSIDER THIS A COMPLETE FAILURE ON MY PART.

NO! I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! I WAS HIS FRIEND! HE WOULD HAVE TOLD ME!









AND YOU ARE IN THE **BUSINESS** OF GRANTING LEGITIMACY TO THE PETTY CONCERNS OF **TERRORISTS**? WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON, BOY?

YOUR MAJESTY, HE DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY HE **SYMPATHIZED**.



I'M ON YOUR SIDE, EMPEROR SUNFIRE. YOURS AND **MAGNETO'S**.

THERE IS NOTHING ABOUT **GENESIS** THAT WOULD BE A TARGET. YOUR SOURCES HAVE GIVEN YOU **FALSE** INFORMATION.



I KNOW THIS IS THE **SQUAD** I REQUESTED, BUT I HAD HOPED TO SEE **NORIKO ASHIDA** AMONG THEM. WHERE IS SHE?

I TOOK HER OFF THIS ASSIGNMENT. ONE OF THE **TERRORISTS** WE ARE TRACKING...IS HER **FATHER**.



NO. HE WAS HER **GENETIC PREDECESSOR**. HE WAS **NOT** HER **FATHER**.



SEIJI ASHIDA WAS MY **CLOSEST SAPIEN ADVISOR**. AND **NORIKO** WAS LIKE A NIECE TO ME.

BUT ASHIDA **HID** HER ABILITIES FROM ME. HE **DECEIVED** ME.

HE TRIED TO **DENY** HIS OWN DAUGHTER'S **GREATNESS**. HE **HELD** HER BACK, AND SO I **TOOK** HER FROM HIM.

I **TOOK** HER AND **PUNISHED** HIM.

THAT MAN IS **NOT** HER FATHER. AS FAR AS GIVING HER A FUTURE, I AM **NORIKO'S FATHER**.

**S.H.I.E.L.D.** WAS WRONG TO TAKE HER OFF THIS ASSIGNMENT...



"...SHE WOULD HAVE TRACKED  
DOWN HER FATHER FOR ME."

TOKYO

THIS IS THE PLACE  
HODGE MENTIONED.  
THEY SHOULD BE  
INSIDE.

TELEPATHICALLY, I  
CAN TELL THERE ARE  
MANY MINDS INSIDE.  
BUT THEY ARE SHIELDED  
LIKE THE TERRORISTS  
IN NEW YORK.

I CAN'T GET  
MUCH MORE THAN  
MOODS. THEY'RE  
SCARED AND  
ANGRY.

YEAH,  
THERE ARE  
A BUNCH OF  
PEOPLE  
INSIDE.

A LITTLE LIGHT  
SHOW SHOULD BUY  
US ENOUGH TIME  
TO GET IN THERE.

SOORAYA,  
JUBILEE! STAY  
BACK! WE DON'T  
KNOW WHAT  
WE'RE WALKING  
INTO.

PLEASE! LIKE WE  
COULDN'T TAKE A  
BUNCH OF BASELINE  
SAPIENS.

NORMALLY, I'D BE  
THE ONE ADVISING  
SWIFT AND DECISIVE  
ACTION. BUT THIS  
ISN'T THE TIME.

MY DAD'S IN  
THERE, AND WE  
CAME TO AVOID  
FIGHTING.

NORI, WALKING  
IN THERE MIGHT  
NOT BE THE  
BEST--

HE'S MY FATHER,  
DAVID. I CAN'T KILL  
MY WAY IN TO SEE  
HIM.



